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ROUTE FOR DRUG MAFIA
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Calcutta has turned into a major route for the international drug mafia during the past few years;

(b) if so, whether according to the Zonal Narcotics Bureau,the consignments not only from India but from Pakistan are being routed from Calcutta and its suburbs, taken to Bangladesh and then shipped to international market in Europe;

(c) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the details of narcotic drugs seized in this area during the last six months; and

(d) the preventive measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

(SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Government of India has already taken a number of significant steps to prevent drug trafficking. These include instructions to all drug law enforcement agencies to maintain utmost vigil and step up enforcement efforts, training of officers, fencing of Indo-Pak border, vesting of powers in BSF and Coast Guards under the Customs Act,quarterly coordination meetings held at NCB, New Delhi, holding of quarterly border meetings of Indian and Pakistani anti-narcotics agencies as a part of the border meetings of BSF and Pak-rangers, holding of operational level meetings with Myanmar officials. All the arrested persons are liable to be prosecuted and punished under the stringent laws of NDPS Act, 1985.